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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR CONSULTATION WITH ARGENTINA

1. SUMMARY. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE US-ARGENTINE
DIALOGUE ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION, AND BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER
OF COMPLEX ISSUES WE FACE IN NUCLEAR FIELD (E.G., THIRD
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PARTY FABRICATION, RENEGOTIATION, US SAFEGUARDS RE-
QUIREMENTS), DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO SEND DELEGATION TO
BUENOS AIRES AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATES IN OCTOBER TO
DISCUSS THESE ISSUES. DELEGATION WOULD BE LED BY DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOSENZO AND WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATION
FROM OTHER CONCERNED USG AGENCIES. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPARTMENT PROPOSES FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR DISCUSSIONS:

A. REVIEW OF WHERE WE STAND IN TERMS OF EXPANDING US-GOA NUCLEAR COOPERATION IN WAKE OF IMMINENT GOA DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AND MOVEMENT TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARD.

B. US SAFEGUARDS AND OTHER NON-PROLIFERATION REQUIREMENTS.

C. US REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHORIZING THIRD COUNTRY

FABRICATION OF US-ORIGIN NUCLEAR MATERIAL. (FYI. US POLICY DOES NOT PERMIT CONVERSION OR FABRICATION OF US-SUPPLIED SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL UNLESS THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THIS ACTIVITY IS TO TAKE PLACE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZES SUCH CONVERSION OR FABRICATION. THE US AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH SPAIN SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES FOR FABRICATION IN SPAIN FOR TRANSFER TO A THIRD COUNTRY BUT THE US-ARGENTINE AGREEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR SUPPLY THROUGH ARGENTINA TO A THIRD COUNTRY. RENEGOTIATION OF US-ARGENTINE AGREEMENT WOULD THEREFORE BE REQUIRED FOR FABRICATION IN ARGENTINA. GOA SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL US-ORIGIN FUEL TO REACTOR IN PERU WOULD ALSO REQUIRE APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT WITH PERU, AS EXISTING QUADRIPARTITE ONLY COVERS INITIAL SHIPMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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END FYI.)

D. OTHER MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO CURRENT US-GOA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS IN US NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION FOR NEW AND AMENDED AGREEMENTS.

E. AREAS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION (E.G., TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOA IN FABRICATION OF HIGH DENSITY LEU FUEL FOR RESEARCH REACTORS).

F. ZIRCALOY ISSUE (FYI. DEPARTMENT WILL BE SENDING EMBASSY SOON DRAFT EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THIS ISSUE. WE STRONGLY DESIRE TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO VISIT. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS IT IN THESE MEETINGS. END FYI).

3. WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SCHEDULE THE MEETINGS ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION AFTER OCTOBER 1 WHEN ARMS TRANSFER LEGISLATION GOES INTO EFFECT AS A CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION THAT USG INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH COOPERATION

IN OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST DESPITE ARMS TRANSFER
AND OTHER PROBLEMS RELATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS. (ALSO, WE ARE
ALREADY SCHEDULING ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS IN SEPTEMBER.)
WE CONSIDER THESE TALKS OF CONSIDERABLE SUBSTANTIVE
IMPORTANCE. IN VIEW OF INTERRELATIONSHIP OF VARIOUS
NUCLEAR ISSUES AND CONTINUED GOA MISUNDERSTANDING OF
STEPS REQUIRED (I.E., DEFERRAL OF REPROCESSING, FULL-
SCOPE SAFEGUARDS IN EFFECT) BEFORE WE ARE PREPARED TO
DISCUSS POSSIBLE US ASSISTANCE WITH HEAVY WATER TECH-
NOLOGY, WE BELIEVE THAT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
CONCERNED EXPERTS IS NECESSARY BEFORE ANY INTERIM

ARRANGEMENTS ARE WORKED OUT.

4. PLEASE REPORT GOA REACTION TO PROPOSED OCTOBER
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